
5 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL SHORT TERM USES OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF LONG TERM PRODUCTIVITY

This project is consistent with the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency Regional Transportation Plan, which outlines the ultimate transportation plan for the region, including local road and highway improvements. This Plan was developed to accommodate current and proposed land uses and the associated projected travel. Construction of the project will result in long-term environmental impacts such as:

- Removing agricultural land from production.
- Destroying vernal pools and the associated flora and fauna.
- Destroying many large, heritage oak trees.

Conversely, the project would support uses of the land consistent with highway uses such as residential, commercial and industrial land use, bringing economic expansion to the area. The long-term productivity of the City of Lincoln would be:

- Decreased congestion within the downtown core.
- Improving the quality of life for both the city residents and the commuters once faced with delays during peak hours within the city limits.
- In addition, efficient inter-regional movement of goods, services and people would be enhanced by the addition of a bypass around the City of Lincoln.
- Mitigation for the Bypass would contribute to the preservation of some agricultural lands and wetland habitat. Preservation of oaks will occur at a 2:1 ratio. Saplings will be planted to replace the oak trees.